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TO SECSTATE WASHDC 9063

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FOR SMITH FROM ROSENBLATT

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: SREF

SUBJECT: PAYMENT OF IATF BILL

REF: STATE 39308

1. COLUMBIA COMPUTER CORPORATION IS FIRM UTILIZED BY IATF/OSC TO DISPATCH MAILGRAMS TO REFUGEES WHO HAD REQUESTED THROUGH THE UNHCR REPATRIATION TO VIETNAM. AT THE TIME, IT WAS DECIDED TO RETURN THE THUONG TIN I TO VIETNAM, THE DIRECTOR OF THE IATF ORDERED OSC TO IMMEDIATELY CONTACT ALL REFUGEES ON THE UNHCR LIST WHO HAD REQUESTED REPATRIATION.

2. MAILGRAMS WERE CHOSEN INSTEAD OF TELEGRAMS BECAUSE OF THE SUBSTANTIAL SAVINGS IN COST. COLUMBIA COMPUTER WAS GIVEN THE ORDER AND THIS WAS CLEARED VERBALLY WITH EITHER BRYAN MITCHELL OR JOHN WEISS. FOLLOWING RECEIPT OF THE BILL, ROSENBLATT DRAFTED MEMO EXPLAINING CIRCUMSTANCES UNDER WHICH COLUMBIA WAS AUTHORIZED TO DISPATCH THE MAILGRAMS. THERE APPARENTLY HAS BEEN SOME SLIP UP IN PAPERWORK BECAUSE OSC HAD LONG ASSUMED THAT THE BILL HAD BEEN PAID.

3. MAILGRAMS WENT TO APPROXIMATELY 90 REFUGEES IN THE US AND THE TOTAL BILL WAS LESS THAN \$500.00. THE DATE OF MAILING WAS EARLY OCTOBER (BETWEEN OCT 1 AND 9).

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4. PLEASE INFORM US IF ANY FURTHER DETAILS ARE REQUIRED
SO THAT PROMPT PAYMENT CAN BE MADE TO COLUMBIA. SUGGEST
THAT YOU CHECK WITH MITCHELL AND WEISS FOR CORROBORATION
AND, IF POSSIBLE, RETRIEVAL OF INVOICE AND ROSENBLATT
MEMO.
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